

## HYLAN DENIES TALE OF AUTOMOBILE GIFT

Enright Got a Motor Car From Harris, but Used It on Police Business.

## MEYER ADDS TO HINTS

Challenges Hirshfield, Who Keeps Up Agitation on Lusk's Silver Service.

## 'SUGAR' IN KLEIST'S TRAIL

Senator Smith Dropped Detectives' Bill Because of Slush Fund Rumor.

Mayor Hyland denied yesterday having accepted an automobile as a gift from John A. Harris, Special Deputy Police Commissioner, which, he said, was intended by Senator Schuyler M. Meyer, chairman of the legislative committee investigating the city administration.

Disregarding the denial, the Meyer committee began an inquiry into reports concerning numerous "expensive gifts" said to have been made to city officials. According to the reports these gifts included other and more valuable presents than automobiles.

There was no denial forthcoming that Dr. Harris had given an automobile to Commissioner Enright. That was known generally soon after Mr. Enright took office, but instead of using the car personally he utilized it for official business of the Police Department, thus saving money for the city.

At the office of the Commissioner of Accounts information was given that the Mayor purchased a used automobile soon after taking office and that is the only conveyance he has had. The car he used during his campaign and for a short time after taking office was lent to him, it was stated.

## Senator Meyer Intimates That I was the recipient of a gift of an automobile from Dr. Harris and I desire to say that statement is absolutely untrue," the Mayor said.

## Meyer Renews Challenge.

Senator Meyer said in answer he had not intimated that an automobile or any other specific gift was made to the Mayor or other official, but had asked the Commissioner of Accounts why he did not call the Mayor and Police Commissioner to account "what expensive presents" had been received by officials. That statement still stands, the Senator said.

Senator Clayton R. Lusk, majority leader of the State Senate and recipient of a chest of silver from New York detectives, and his associates in the investigation committee appeared to regard the silver service episode as a closed incident. The Senator will not resign and the committee will do nothing about it. It was stated that Commissioner of Accounts, who started the trouble by stumbling across the \$10,000 slush fund raised to support the detectives' bill put through by Senator Lusk, keeps up his attack on the committee.

Senator C. Ernest Smith, who first introduced and then dropped the detective bill, testifying before the Committee of Accounts, stated that he had been informed last spring that "sugar" was being used to get the bill passed. "Sugar," he explained, "is a common term describing slush funds."

He introduced the bill, Senator Smith said, at the request of Assemblyman Franklin Judson of Rochester, chairman of the Assembly Committee on the bill. It was this committee which killed the billboard poster measures which John Kleist opposed as agent of the big elevator advertising concerns. Kleist has been named by detectives as the one who handled their \$30,000 fund which was sent to Albany to put through their bill.

Senator Smith said he had no interest in the detective bill and handled it as a favor to Judson.

## Smith Disowns Police Bill.

"I told Senator Mullen, chairman of the Chief Committee, not to report out the bill with my name on it and when Senator Lusk was informed of that he got a copy of the bill and put his name on it," Senator Smith testified. "I told Lusk I had dropped the bill because of the opposition of the unformed police force."

"While the bill was pending did you hear some talk about 'sugar' sticking to the bill?" Hirshfield asked.

"I heard there was 'sugar' in the bill and spoke to Assemblyman Judson about it, but upon his assurance there was nothing to it. I heard it from my mind because money is mentioned in connection with most important bills. I first heard about it coming down a train. I was told about the bill having been dropped in 1920 and that made me anxious to stand from under."

"Even after Senator Lusk introduced the bill there was talk of money attached to it. Detectives Brown and Gegan told me they had informed Lusk there was no truth in the talk and they said Lusk was too good a friend of theirs to get mixed in anything like that."

"What is your opinion of Senator Lusk's statement that it is common practice for legislators to receive valuable presents?"

"Senator Lusk has more experience in the Legislature than I have; this is my first year. He knows the customs better than I. I never have received any present."

"Have you ever heard that the man who introduced the teachers' bill for higher salaries got a dinner from the people who benefited by the bill and that he received a small gift?"

Hirshfield said he was going to look into "peculiar legislation" which he said members of the committee had put through. He issued statements frequently during the day asking why Senator Lusk did not resign and telling what he was going to do before he got through with the Meyer committee.

## STOWAWAY, 13, HERE FROM ITALY TO FIND HIS FATHER

Joseph Motto Lives on Bread and Olives in Coal Bunkers—Seaman Helps Him Ashore, Where Cop Picks Him Up.

With twenty-five pounds of bread and two pounds of olives in a bag slung over his shoulder, Joseph Motto, 13, climbed up the side of a steamship bound from Palermo to New York twenty-five days ago and embarked upon a voyage, most of which he spent in the coal bunkers, to find his father. Tony's father has been missing ever since Tony was 5 months old, and his mother took him and the other children back to Italy. This is the story told by the lad, who was picked up yesterday by a policeman and taken to the Children's Society. The society turned the stowaway over to the Children's Court, where Tony told, through an interpreter, the story of his voyage and why he is here.

When the steamship docked here Sunday Tony slipped out of the coal bunkers and with the aid of one of the crew escaped without any other person seeing him. He hit the trail for Brooklyn, for that is where his family had lived, and naturally the boy thought his father would be somewhere in that neighborhood if in this country at all.

Tony, who is hardly up to average height, looks husky despite his bread and olive fare. He is brown and has blue overall suit looked new and had a "made in America" look, though Tony says he wore it all the way from Italy. He had on white sneakers and white

## FUSION STILL BADLY SPLIT; HASKELL DECIDES TO RUN

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receiving hundreds of letters every day urging me to go in," he said.

"You will have to ask him about that. I haven't seen him recently."

The conversation continued on the assumption that he would be a candidate in the next question being about the platform.

"I tried to make clear in my statement the other day," he said, "that I consider the paramount issue that of an efficient business administration."

"How about the prohibition issue?" William H. Anderson of the Anti-Saloon League says he is through making a martyr of you and intends to take no part in the municipal campaign."

"He can't back out now. He has been giving advice about the Mayorality in his paper, the *Issue*, for several months. Then, again, Mayor Hyland and Police Commissioner Enright have made it an issue by violating the constitution in their enforcement of the Mullan-Gage law. When the Corporation Counsel rendered an opinion against them they declared guilty, but the old practices continued and they were forced to plead guilty again."

Judge Haskell has a very poor opinion of the statesmanship involved in the so-called coalition movement.

"I am opposed to fusion," he declared. "I conceive it to be the duty of a leader to find out what the people want and to give it to them. This crowd is trying to pick a candidate and then force him upon the people. I have seen it said somewhere they would try to keep me from running by offering me a Supreme Court nomination. What right have they to hand out nominations in that fashion?"

"Where will you get your backing?" Judge Haskell was asked.

"From the people," he replied.

Convinced that Lockwood would be a factional candidate and determined to find out for himself what the exact situation was Mr. Price sought an appointment with Mr. Livingston and went to Brooklyn, accompanied by E. W. Allen, a Brooklyn member of his committee.

They cooled their heels for forty minutes in the dingy anteroom of the Livingston office and then went out for a bite to eat and back again. It was explained, however, this was no intentional discourtesy, as Mr. Livingston had been detained by another appointment. The talk with the Kings county leader lasted for half an hour. When Mr. Price got back to Manhattan he said in response to questions:

"The situation cannot be said to have clarified. Everybody in politics knows about the strained relations between Mr. Livingston and Senator Calder. I have yet to be shown that Senator Lockwood has the unanimous support of

the fusionists. He said, referring to the Commodore Hotel meetings, "are not trying to select the best man for a candidate. They are trying to select a man representing their interests whom they can put over in the primaries. Like the committee of 1917, they are merely job hunters. We can elect a Republican Mayor, if three things come to pass. The fusion committee should be dissolved at once, all visiting statesmen from up-country now in our midst should return to their homes and the Meyer investigating committee should permanently disband."

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## GAVIN'S CLUB MUST FACE FIRE CHARGES

Chief Kenlon Accuses It of Failing to Take Precautions for Safety.

## LAUGHED AT FIREMEN

Return of License Not to Stop Inquiry Begun by State Commission.

## NEXT SESSION TUESDAY

Financial Matters to Be Probed in Connection With Herman-Lynch Affair.

The State Athletic Commission yesterday received through the mails the resignation of the International Sporting Club from any participation or adherence it might be considered to have in the affairs of the commission. At the same time the club returned to the commission the license which had been issued to it to conduct boxing bouts at Ebbetts Field.

The attitude of the Athletic Commission toward this action taken by Managing Director William A. Gavin and his associates in the International Sporting Club is that it is not interested henceforth in the club and does not propose to recognize it in any way.

Nevertheless the commission will proceed next Tuesday to hold its hearing, as formulated and announced to the club, to determine whether the suspension of the club's license, ordered on Tuesday after reports received concerning the management of the Herman-Lynch affair, should not be made permanent. The attitude of the commission is that the club has "got out under fire" and that it is not going to interfere with a thorough inquiry into all the facts.

There will be testimony produced from the commission's own personnel telling exactly what occurred at the Herman-Lynch fight. Charles H. Ebbetts, president of the corporation owning Ebbetts Field, will be called and the International Sporting Club will be asked to answer whatever charges have been made by men who had bought tickets and could not get admission. Mr. Ebbetts, before District Attorney Lewis of Kings county yesterday, said that there was no disorder, except that incidental to his disorder, that the gates should be closed when the electric lights outside the gate failed. William A. Gavin has been asked to appear on Monday at District Attorney Lewis's office and tell what he knows about the cutting off of the lights.

Gavin Alleges Light Plot.

In his letter to the Commission Mr. Gavin charged directly that the light cutting was the result of a "plot" concerning which the club had been forewarned and that steps were taken to prevent any interference with the lights inside the grounds, under which the fight was to be reproduced kinemotographically.

It is the intention of the State Athletic Commission to inquire not only into these things but into the reason for the statement by Mr. Gavin, in the club's letter of resignation from license jurisdiction, that there was a "dastardly plot" afoot which might have resulted in the loss of many lives.

In the meantime the Commission has received from the Fire Department a report which bodes no good for the International Sporting Club's contention that it did everything it could and that all responsibility for disorder was beyond its jurisdiction.

This report, approved by Fire Chief Kenlon, sets forth that the fire inspection of the arena was very unsatisfactory. It was found, Chief Kenlon says, on the report of his inspectors, that many of the seats on which spectators were to sit had not been properly fastened down. Some of them were loose, the report says.

Proper spacing between seats and aisles had not been provided for and the ushers, totally inadequate in numbers for the occasion, proved inefficient and disorderly. It was clear, says the Fire Department report, that the ushers, if such they could be called, were perfectly willing to let many bleacher seats climb over into seats held by ticket holders who afterward could not get any seats. When firemen demanded that the law be observed concerning open aisles, they were laughed at, Fire Chief Kenlon reports, and seats were placed in the narrow aisles in utter defiance of the law.

These and other matters, some of them involving the financial responsibility of the International Sporting Club, will be gone into very closely next Tuesday. The club may not appear, but Bernard Gimbel, who is a member of the advisory board of the commission, also is a member of the club, and will be requested to be present.

The only comment of the commission yesterday on the action of the International in giving up its license was: "They resigned under fire."

Firemen's Efforts Resented.

Proper fire prevention, the chief reports, had not been asked for and when it was offered his men were met with an attitude on the part of the management that they were attempting to "graft" their way into the fight.

Violations of the law were drawn to the attention of some of the ushers, who, according to the reports of Kenlon's aids, merely laughed. Finally one of the Boxing Commissioners had to come out and beg the firemen to come in and try to handle the situation.

Loose wiring was the cause of much of the failure in the lights outside the gates, the fire chief says, but even though the management was warned of this no precautions were taken. Chief Kenlon says that his inspectors have reported that though the lights inside the field were failing, and never did go out during the fight and the preliminaries, they actually did fail as the crowd was leaving the place and the field went into absolute darkness even before the last of the spectators had left.

The general aspect of the Kenlon report is that the whole fight affair was mismanaged and that the Fire Department received no opportunity or warning sufficient to enable it to take the proper precautions.

HYLAN SCORES HIS CRITICS.

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## 'BIG SIX' WARNED IT MUST ARBITRATE

Publishers Serve Notice That Scale Will Be Reduced October 1.

At a meeting of more than 100 publishers at the Engineers' Club Wednesday a definite resolution was unanimously agreed upon and submitted to the Association of New York Employing Printers demanding definite notice to be given by September 1 to Big Six that a reduction of present scales must be agreed upon by conciliation or the matter submitted to arbitration. The resolution reads as follows:

"The National Publishers Association views with alarm the present cost of printing. The reductions already effected as a result of arbitration and the agreements of certain unions are not proportionate to the easing up of living conditions. The contract with Typographical Union No. 6 carries on the peak prices paid for labor until October 1, 1921. The compositors in contradiction to the action of Bindery Women No. 43 and mailers have refused to reduce the scale called for by the existing contract."

"On October 1 the contract with Typographical Union No. 6 will expire, including the contract for arbitration. It is a matter of concern to publishers as we approach that date to realize that on October 1 we may be confronted with a condition which will require the continuance of the present scale with Typographical Union No. 6 or face a strike. We deem it absolutely necessary not only that the scale now being paid to No. 6 should be reduced on October 1 in proportion to the reduction accepted by the other unions, but also that there be a further reduction with all unions in the scale. Inasmuch as there is no provision for arbitration of wage scale with No. 6, as there is with the other unions, we earnestly request the employing printers to take up immediately with No. 6 the question of an arbitration contract which can be put in operation in case an agreement cannot be arrived at as to the amount of reduction. In justice to the publishers of the city the printers should be in a position not later than September 1 to enter into an agreement with Typographical Union No. 6 that the wage scale will be arbitrated as of October 1."

"We therefore, instruct our labor committees to insist that immediate steps be taken by the employing printers to secure:

"(1) An arbitration contract with Typographical Union No. 6 not later than September 1.

"(2) A substantial reduction in the scale of wages paid to craftsmen in the printing trade, effective October 1.

"(3) In case the employing printers are unable to conclude an arbitration

agreement with Typographical Union No. 6 by September 1, that the publishers be notified in order that individual publishers may make such arrangements as are necessary to guarantee the continuance of their publications on a reasonable cost basis."

In an agreement made following the strike of 1919 a forty-four hour week was granted by the publishers, effective May 1, 1921, on the increased scale of fifty dollars a week, which virtually implied a 10 per cent. increase in the number of hours.

In addressing the publishers, Arthur J. Baldwin, vice-president of the McGraw-Hill Company, stated: "The time has come when all industry is liquidating, some voluntarily, some of the other unions having submitted the question to arbitration and accepted reductions of 12 per cent. the Bindery Women, 10 per cent. and the Mailers a \$4 a week reduction, and rather than wait until the last day of September this course of action is necessary to let the publishers know by September 1 what they could expect on October 1, otherwise such arrangements as are necessary to insure issuance and continuation of publications could be made."

"One-fifth of the magazines of the country are published in New York city and this is a big problem. Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia have established an open shop; Boston is on a forty-eight hour week open shop basis and New York is to-day the only forty-four-hour city maintaining peak prices in wages."

Unless Big Six agrees to the terms set forth in this resolution a huge volume of publishing of magazines of the city will be printed elsewhere.

NEW YORK CENTRAL CUTS WAGES AGAIN

Pay Still 50 Per Cent. Higher Than Four Years Ago.

Employees of the New York Central Railroad were notified yesterday of a second reduction in wages for baggage-men and other employees of railroad stations along the various divisions.

Recently this class of help was reduced from 15 to 20 per cent. Then, for instance, a baggage-man was reduced from \$125 per month to \$103. The new reduction is about one-half as much as was lopped off before. A baggage-man, for instance, is cut now from \$103 to \$93 a month.

Train callers, janitors, matrons, porters and other station attendants on the Hudson, Harlem and Putnam divisions are hit by the decrease in pay. The order notifying agents of the reduction was sent out by Assistant Superintendent Wilson. Owing to the cost of living coming down and to the business depression making work scarce in some lines the railroad companies affected took the new cut without protest. All classes included in the order still receive 50 per cent. more wages than they did four years ago and work but eight hours instead of twelve a day.

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